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SUBJ: SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) CONVOKES DIPLOMATIC
CORPS

REF: N'DJAMENA 901

1. RADIO CHAD ANNOUNCED AFTERNOON APRIL 17 THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION
OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, CONSULAR CORPS, AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES RE-
REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT AT MEETING CALLED BY SMC FOR 0900 APRIL 18
AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING. CORPS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY
FORMER CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF PROTOCOL.

2. AFTER TEN MINUTE DELAY DUE TARDY ARRIVAL FRENCH AMB, WHO
DEAN OF CORPS, GEN. MALLOU, PRESIDENT SMC, WAS ANNOUNCED. ALL
OTHER MEMBERS SMC IN ATTENDANCE, AS WELL AS GEN. NGUEMBAYE NGARO
(EX-JACQUES DOUMRO) WHO THUS APPEARED BE MEMBER
SMC ALTHOUGH NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TO THAT EFFECT.

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3. MALLOUM, IN FIVE MINUTE SPEECH, THANKED COMS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE; DESCRIBED COUP AS INTERNAL CHADIAN AFFAIR; REQUESTED REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES PRESENT TO GIVE THE NEW LEADERSHIP THEIR CONFIDENCE IN RETURN FOR CONFIDENCE WHICH SMC HAS IN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED; STATED THAT SAFETY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES WAS GUARANTEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY; NOTED THAT INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN MISUSED BY PAST GOVERNMENT; STATED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, CERTAIN SITUATIONS COULD NOT ALWAYS BE RESOLVED BY PACIFIC MEANS; SAID THAT INTERNAL POLICY OF NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY AND RIGHTS OF MAN; AND STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL POLICY WOULD BE NON-ALIGNED.

4. COMMENT: MALLOUM, WHO REPORTEDLY UNDERWENT SEVERE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL TRIALS DURING TWO YEAR INCARCERATION, SPOKE FROM ARM CHAIR IN LOW VOICE BUT APPEARED COMPOSED AND CONFIDENT. MEETING REPRESENTS FIRST FORMAL CONTACT BETWEEN NEW REGIME AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS.
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